

AO 440 (Rev. 12/09) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the

\_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Plaintiff* )  
v. ) Civil Action No.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Defendant* )  
\_\_\_\_\_  
)

**SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION**

To: (*Defendant's name and address*)

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

*CLERK OF COURT*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk*



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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))*

This summons for (*name of individual and title, if any*) \_\_\_\_\_  
was received by me on (*date*) \_\_\_\_\_.

- I personally served the summons on the individual at (*place*) \_\_\_\_\_  
on (*date*) \_\_\_\_\_; or
- I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,  
on (*date*) \_\_\_\_\_, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or
- I served the summons on (*name of individual*) \_\_\_\_\_, who is  
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of (*name of organization*) \_\_\_\_\_  
on (*date*) \_\_\_\_\_; or
- I returned the summons unexecuted because \_\_\_\_\_; or
- Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Server's signature*

*Printed name and title*

*Server's address*

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc: